

Fetal Bovine Serum For Diagnostic and/or Research Purposes

The following certification statements, based on a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer, should be placed on a VS Form 16-4 for fetal bovine serum being exported to Mexico for diagnostic and/or research use. These statements apply to the importation of fetal bovine serum (FBS) into Mexico for diagnostic and/or research purposes ONLY.

1. The product was obtained from fetuses of healthy cows inspected both ante mortem and post mortem in a facility under official control.
2. The animals from which the raw materials were obtained were not stunned by injection of air into the cranial cavity, or by cutting the spinal cord (by lacerating the central nervous system tissues, by introducing a sharp cutting instrument into the cranial cavity).

NOTES:

1. The name and address of the exporter and importer must also be on the VS 16-4.
2. Additional certification statements may only be included if they 1) are required by the Hoja de Requisitos Sanitarios (HRZ) issued by the government of Mexico to the importer; and 2) are endorsable by VS.
3. Exporters are responsible for ensuring that the importers have an HRZ allowing them to import the product and that the importers will be able to meet Mexico's requirements for entry of this product as outlined in the HRZ.